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#### CHAPTER 33-04-01

#### DUTIES OF THE STATE REGISTRAR

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**33-04-01-01. Forms.** All certificates, forms, and reports used in the system of vital records registration and health statistics tabulation and analysis are the property of the state department of health and shall be surrendered to the state registrar upon demand. The forms prescribed and distributed by the state registrar for reporting vital events shall be used only for official purposes. No forms shall be used in the reporting of vital events or making copies thereof except those furnished or approved by the state registrar.

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**33-04-01-02. Requirements for preparation of certificates.** All certificates and records relating to vital events must either be prepared on a typewriter with a black ribbon or printed legibly in black nonfading ink. All signatures required shall be entered in black nonfading ink. Unless otherwise specified by the state registrar, no certificates shall be complete, correct, and acceptable for registration that:

1. Does not have the certifier's name typed or printed legibly under the certifier's signature.
2. Does not supply all items of information called for thereon or satisfactorily account for their omission.
3. Contains significant alterations or erasures.
4. Does not contain handwritten signatures as required.
5. Is marked "copy" or "duplicate".
6. Is a carbon, photographic, or xerographic copy.
7. Is prepared on an improper form.
8. Contains inconsistent or improper data.
9. Contains an indefinite cause of death which denotes only symptoms of disease or conditions resulting from disease.
10. Is not prepared in conformity with rules or instructions issued by the state registrar.

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